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## Cohasset Water Problems Ease With Reconditioned Standpipe

By Judith Epstein

The townspeople were getting nervous about the water. But they can relax now.

Edwin Pratt, Superintendent of the Water Department, said that "unforeseen, unexpected circumstances" hindered the project to drain, clean and paint the water standpipe on Bear Hill. The snags in the system were finally ironed out and drainage began this week.

Pratt began his explanation of the en-



Water from the Bear Hill Standpipe shoots into Lilly Pond. (Greg Derr photo)

### A Mariner Survey

## Cohasset In '79, A Look Ahead

The new year always tempts us to formulate resolutions, bright hopes and promises. Sometimes positive thinking pays off; however, all too often it does not.

So, rather than trap the town officials in the inevitable white lies of false resolutions, I instead asked the people who run the town simply what it was they thought would or wanted to see happen in 1979. Here are some of the replies:

Arthur Clark, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, says there will be some weighty decisions for townspeople to make at the annual Town Meeting. They will concern the new fire station, the renovation or construction of a new town hall and the possibility of a municipal garage. Clark sneaked in a resolution for a sweeter disposition.

Lester Hiltz, Civil Defense Director, feels that 1979 Cohasset concerns will include disputes over property taxes

and disposal problems. Hiltz is in favor of a regional resource recovery program.

Treasurer/Tax Collector Gordon Flint would also like to see a newly constructed Town Hall. "We need a modern facility for both the taxpayer and administrator." Flint expressed regrets that Santa forgot to bring him a new electric typewriter.

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer James Litchfield wants more cooperation with builders over zoning bylaws. He reminded townspeople that Cohasset will be working under a new building code as of March 1. Personally, he plans to respond to a widespread request — a better Dale Carnegie approach. Said Litchfield in a diplomatic start, "With my new secretary I should have no problems."

Edwin Pratt, Superintendent of the Water Department, foresees "one of the finest water systems in the area — in both quantity and quality."

Planning to retire in 1979 is Police Chief Randolph Feola. Stress planning. Feola thinks things will get harder, "There is less money to do things. Budgets cost too much. It is difficult to give services." On press coverage, Feola feels that in the future all wrongdoing should be settled in the district courts, not in the press.

William Signorelli, Town Accountant, hopes to hold the tax rate for fiscal 1980; that is, to hold the present tax rate. "I think this would be most welcomed by the taxpayers. I think it's very possible." Also foremost in Signorelli's wants for the new year is the construction of a new town hall.

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tanglements associated with the drainage with a brief overview of the dual purposes of the standpipe.

The water in the tank, Pratt said, is a constant fluctuating check on the expansion within the system and usually provides adequate water pressure to homes when the tank is full. Water comes to this tank from all sources of supply, largely Lilly Pond, and is essential for fire protection and use in any other emergency.

The standpipe was in dire need of cleaning because the inside epoxy coating was peeling. Pratt stressed that this lining is non-toxic and when it disintegrates, it merely drops to the bottom of the tank. The cleaning and scraping are preventative measures to curtail further erosion and rusting of the walls of the tank.

"We can do the job easier now than in the spring when there would be ice in the top of the tank," Pratt said. "We can't let it go any longer. It would cost twice as much next year." The project cost is

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## New Years At The Greenhouse

By Joanne Young

Sixty couples ushered in the New Year at a festive party held at the Greenhouse Restaurant in Cohasset.

A champagne supper at midnight, served on the first floor, was a buffet of coq au vin, seafood newburg, roast beef, ham, potato and tossed salad, assorted relishes and breads.

During the evening the guests enjoyed an open bar and a constant flow of hot hors d'oeuvres. The barmaids were cleverly attired in costumes of black tights, high heels, black satin tails and red ruffled shirts with black bow ties.

There was disco dancing in the Gazebo room, with the latest records mixed with the oldies but goodies which everyone could dance to. Michael Ellis was the disc jockey and had a popular selection of music. Mike is an enterprising ninth grade student at Cohasset High School and provides music for private parties around town.

The glamorous ladies competed with their escorts for the most splendid outfits. The host, Tom Meyers, wore a

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## Ainslie Case Dismissed

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